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## Curios and Relics China, Kitchenware, & Glassware Commemorative China Boston Distillers Corporation

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

From the files of the Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

Hickey August 30, 1972 Mr. James T. Hickey Pine Lodge Farm Post Office Box 55 Elkhart, IL 62634 Dear Jim: I was glad to learn about The Lincoln Collector Series - four ceramic decanters commemorating the life and times of Abe Lincoln filled with 100 proof liquor. I immediately wrote the Boston Distiller Corporation. See letter enclosed. However, I fear I will have to buy the liquor in Illinois. I want a set for our Library-Museum and I would like to personally own a set. Will you please reserve two sets for me with your local liquor dealer. I will send the money immediately. In late October or November I may visit Springfield and pick up the liquor at that time. With every good wish to you and your family, I remain Yours sincerely. R. Gerald McMurtry RGM:hk enc

Lincoln Collector Series Curios & Relics Ceramic decanters: The Lincoln Home Lincoln, The Circuit Rider The Rutledge Tavern The Lincoln Depot Museum 8-30-72 ORDERED: From: Boston Distiller Corporation
Dept "" 955 N. E. 125th Street North Mami Florida 33161 Hener Received 4/9/75 RECEIVED:

February 24, 1981

James T. Hickey Curator, Lincoln Collection Illinois State Historical Library Old State Capital Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Hickey:

In 1972 you advised Dr. R. Gerald McMurtry that the Boston Distiller Corporation was manufacturing ceramic decanters entitled the Lincoln Collector Series which consisted of four decanters of:

The Lincoln Home Lincoln, The Circuit Rider The Rutledge Tavern The Lincoln Depot Museum

Do you have any literature, or can you provide me with Xerox copies of literature, on this series? Also, do you know if this entire series of four decanters were manufactured and placed on the market for sale? If not, do you know how many were placed on the market? Any information will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Mary Jane Hubler Assistant to Dr. Neely

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## ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY

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March 2, 1981

Mrs. Mary Jane Hubler
Asst. to Dr. Mark E. Neely, Jr.
The Louis A. Warren
Lincoln Library and Museum
1300 South Clinton Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46801

Dear Mrs. Hubler:

I am sorry that I do not have any literature or much information on the Lincoln decanters. The only two that I have seen are the Circuit Rider and Old Capitol (Illinois). They also had My Old Kentucky Home which they sold in this area as Lincoln Home by removing the identifying tags. The decanter did look like Lincoln's Home.

On the bottom of the "Circuit Rider" in raised letters is OMB No. 15
1972 Royal Halburton China. This decanter seems to have been modeled
after the Lincoln Esquestrian Statue now at New Salem State Park but was
first at the Illinois Exhibit, New York World's Fair. They have put
different clothes on Lincoln but horse is same.

On the bottom of Old Capitol decanter in raised letters is Old Mr. Boston Liquor Bottle No. 6 1970 Royal Halburton China. Also, on a paper tag or sticker, on side is this: "Old Mr. Boston Brand Capitol Bottle Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey 86 Proof 100 Months Old 4/5 Quart. Bottled by Mr. Boston Distiller, Boston, Mass. Albany Ga. Lakeland Fla."

I would expect that Old Mr. Boston Company would have a record of any other Lincoln decanters they carried but I don't believe they did for I am almost sure they would have been "pushed" in this area.

Sincerely,

James T. Hickey Lincoln Curator

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## THE LOUIS A. WARREN LINCOLN LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

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MARK E. NEELY, JR. Director

Telephone (219) 424-5421

February 24, 1981

Boston Distiller Corporation Dept. "C" 955 N. E. 125th Street North Miami, FL 33161

Gentlemen:

Back in 1972 your company was manufacturing ceramic decanters entitled the <u>Lincoln Collectors Series</u> which consisted of four decenters of:

The Lincoln Home Lincoln, The Circuit Rider The Rutledge Tavern The Lincoln Depot Museum

Do you have any literature on this series that you can send me? Can you tell me how many of the above decanters were placed on the market? Also, can you identify some distributers where these decanters can purchased?

Yours truly, Mary and Suller

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April 2, 1981

Mr. Boston Distiller 1010 Massachusetts Avenue Boston, MA 02138

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